

# **INDIAN HILL SHOOTING CLUB**

## **SAFETY RULES**

**Effective March 2018**

Each member is responsible for knowing and observing the following safety rules. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests and family members. Guests are permitted to use the range only when accompanied by their host, the member. These rules are unique to the Indian Hill Shooting Club (IHSC). No other range rules are implied. Additional, important notices regarding the range operation are posted that require your attention. It is the responsibility of the member to read these notices and be knowledgeable of their content. Violations of safe behavior and, or proper range etiquette are intrinsically dangerous and may result in the removal of the offender from the range and could result in the suspension or cancellation of their membership to the IHSC. All new members, as a condition of their membership, are required to attend a Safety/Club orientation and watch the IHSC safety videos. All guests are required to watch the IHSC safety videos before entering the firing line. All members and all guests are to sign a waiver of liability, which will be kept on file with the Indian Hill Shooting Club and sign a daily use waiver which is attached to the sign-in log each time when using the range. All instructions and commands of the Range Master must be followed at all times.

### **BASIC SAFETY RULES**

**ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION.**

**ALWAYS keep your finger OFF THE TRIGGER until ready to shoot.**

**ALWAYS keep the firearm UNLOADED until ready to shoot.**

**TREAT ALL FIREARMS as if they are LOADED.**

**IMMEDIATELY VERIFY the condition upon picking up a firearm.**

**NEVER POINT a firearm at anything you would NOT WANT TO DESTROY.**

**BE SURE of your TARGET and the BACKGROUND.**

**The use of ALCOHOL and ALL OTHER INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES are ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED PRIOR TO AND WHILE USING FIREARMS.**

## PISTOL/RIFLE RANGE RULES

### **Shooters:**

- The member (a parent or guardian) must accompany dependent members (under the age of 18) and guests, regardless of age, at all times.
- Children under 14 are limited to RIFLE SHOOTING ONLY and must be under the direct (no more than arm's length), immediate and continuous supervision of parent or guardian (age 21 or older) while present at the range. A .22LR rifle is strongly suggested.
- Youth (14-18) may shoot hand guns but, must be under the direct (no more than arm's length away), immediate and continuous supervision of a parent or guardian while engaged in hand gun shooting.
- Young adults 18 – 21 may shoot rifles and shotguns without adult supervision.
- Young adults aged 18 – 21 are prohibited from shooting hand guns without direct (no more than arm's length away), immediate and continuous supervision of a parent or guardian while engaged in hand gun shooting.
- All persons WILL wear eye and ear protection at all times when on the ranges whether shooting a firearm or not. Range commands must be able to be heard while wearing hearing protection.
- All shooters WILL sign in and pay fees at the beginning of their shooting session prior to entering the pistol/rifle firing line.
- All Federal, State and Local laws apply to the ownership, use and handling of firearms while on the IHSC range.

### **Guns & Ammunition:**

IHSC welcomes shooters of all interests, but for safety reasons the following firearms and ammunition are prohibited on the range:

- Muzzle and breech loading arms of .80 caliber or greater.
- FULLY AUTOMATIC and ANY FIREARM that can be made to simulate automatic fire, including "echo fire" triggers.
- Incendiary, indirect, tracer, armor piercing, or explosive-projectile ammo are prohibited and will result in IMMEDIATE EXPULSION when discovered.
- If there is more than one firearm being used by an individual shooter, the firearm that is NOT BEING CURRENTLY USED must be made safe with the magazine out or cylinder

open, the action open and an empty chamber indicator in place or placed unloaded in a closed case.

- For each shooter, there is to be ONLY ONE caliber of ammunition on the firing line table AT ANY GIVEN TIME, regardless of the number of guns a shooter has on the table. This is to prevent the wrong caliber of ammunition being exposed to the firearm.

### **Targets:**

- IHSC provides paper targets to members and guests at no charge.
- Shooters wishing to bring their own targets may do so if they are paper and receive Range Master approval prior to shooting.
- Shooting at tin cans and other objects not specifically designated as targets is prohibited.
- Metallic silhouette targets will be shot only as specified by range instructions.
- Each firing station has a designation. Each target has a designation. Shooters will place targets on and fire only at the target appropriate to their shooting station. **CROSS-RANGE SHOOTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
- Shooters may occupy **ONLY ONE STATION** at a time. Leaving firearms to occupy a station while shooting from another station is prohibited.
- No .22 magnum or centerfire ammunition is to be used on metallic silhouette targets on the .22 caliber silhouette range. These targets are limited to .22 caliber rimfire ammunition only.
- The rifle/pistol range is a civilian target range, not a tactical range. All firing is to be from a fixed, stationary position. Movement such as lateral or “fore & aft” **MOVEMENT WHILE SHOOTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
- All fire will be **AIMED**. Any quick or rapid fire must be **UNDER CONTROL AND WITH PURPOSE.**
- Paper targets are to be removed by the user at the conclusion of their session and disposed of properly in the recycling bin.

### **SPECIAL SAFETY RULES**

- All shooting is to be aimed so as to impact into the berms behind the targets. Firearms will not be used to shoot at objects on the flat ground. Targets are to be hung on the target panels so that all shots will impact the berm behind the target backer.

- All shooters will be critically aware of the direction in which the muzzle of their firearm is pointed. All firearm muzzles are to be **POINTED DOWNRANGE AT ALL TIMES.**
- **ALL FIREARMS WILL BE UNLOADED** with the magazines removed and/or the cylinders rotated outward, if possible, action open with empty chamber indicators in place and on the tables provided, or in the appropriate case unless actually being fired.
- There is to be **NO LOADING** of firearms or magazines **BEHIND THE WHITE SAFETY LINE** in the seating area. All loading operations are to be done on the bench at the firing line.
- If a shooter experiences a firearm malfunction that cannot be resolved by the shooter himself, the firearm is to be placed on the bench or table pointed downrange with the action open, if possible, and **SEEK IMMEDIATE HELP FROM THE RANGE MASTER** to clear the malfunction.
- There is to be **NO DRAWING OF FIREARMS FROM A HOLSTER** while at the IHSC.
- There are to be **NO FIREARMS CARRIED OPENLY IN HOLSTERS** while at the IHSC.
- During a cease fire, routine or emergency, **ALL SHOOTERS WILL OBEY THE COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE MASTER.** All shooters must be behind the White Safety Line for the duration of the cease fire or down range performing target maintenance. **BEING ON THE FIRING LINE, TOUCHING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED DURING A CEASE FIRE.**
- All firearms are to be removed from the case at the table on the firing line, never on the bench behind the White Safety Line.
- All firearms being moved from vehicles are to be in cases or carried openly with the chambers empty and action open. The same conditions will apply when moving a firearm from the firing line to a vehicle. **NO LOADED FIREARMS ARE EVER TO BE MOVED TO OR FROM THE VEHICLE OR THE FIRING LINE.**

**If you do not understand any of the rules,**  
**ask the Range Master for clarification** before stepping onto the  
**IHSC range.**